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1. The period for seeking court review of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered May 22, 2003 has expired and no further action has been taken by applicants. The proceedings as to the rejected claims are considered terminated; see 37 CFR 1.197(c).

The application will be passed to issue on allowed claims 3-6, 11-14, and 17-20 provided the following formal matters are promptly corrected: Each of the above claims indicated as allowable are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Prosecution is otherwise closed.

Applicants are required to make the necessary corrections addressing the outstanding formal matters within

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a shorted statutory period set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter. Extensions of time may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Zirker whose telephone number is (703) 308-0031. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris, can be reached on (703) 308-2414. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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